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1. ON MAY 8, SOCIALIST NATIONAL DEPUTY GASPARE SALADINO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS QUITTING THE PSIS DE MARTINO-MANCA FACTION TO JOIN THE CRAXI-SIGNORILE NATIONAL MAJORITY. A MEMBER OF THE PSI NATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SALADINO IS FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SICILIAN REGION.

2. SALADINO, WHO CONTROLS THE PALERMO PSI PROVINCIAL FEDERATION, BROUGHT A NUMBER OF ALLIES WITH HIM INTO THE CRAXI CAMP. AS A RESULT OF THIS SPLIT, PSI SICILIAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP IS NOW:

	SEATS
DE MARTINO-MANCA (LAURICELLA)	36

CRAXI-SIGNORILE (SALADINO)	22
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3. THE SUPPORT OF SALADINO AND SICILY'S THIRD PSI NATIONAL DEPUTY, MICOLA CAPRIA, HAD BEEN ESSENTIAL TO THE LAURICELLA (DE MARTINO) FACTION'S OVERWHELMING NUMERICAL VICTORY AT THE PARTY'S MARCH 17-19 REGIONAL CONGRESS. ALTHOUGH ALSO REPORTEDLY RESTLESS IN THE LAURICELLA CAMP, CAPRIA DID NOT JOIN IN SALADINO'S BREAK WITH LAURICELLA.

4. FROM DIRECT AND INDIRECT SOURCES, WE HAVE HEARD THAT LAURICELLA HAS BEEN TRYING TO NEGOTIATE THE PASSAGE OF THE ENTIRE SICILIAN PSI INTO THE CRAXI FOLD. SALADINO REPORTEDLY JUMPED THE GUN ON THE PREMISE THAT LAURICELLA BELONGS TO A CROWD GENERATION OF WANING PARTY

NOTABLES AND THAT A SHOW OF INDEPENDENCE MIGHT EARN PERSONAL CREDIT WITH CRAXI AND THE PARTY'S OTHER YOUNGER LEADERS. THOUGH SALADINO IS IDEOLOGICALLY CLOSER TO ENRICE MANCA THAN TO CRAXI, HE IS ABOVE ALL APRAGMATIST AND AN OPPORTUNIST.

5. IN A RELATED EVENT, "LAURICELLIANO" FILIPPO FIORINO WAS ELECTED ON MAY 2 AS PSI REGIONAL SECRETARY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE L LAURICELLA FACTION AND THE ABSEENTION OF ALL OTHERS. 43 YEARS OLD, FIORINO HAS SERVED AS AN OFFICER OF THE FILLEA-CGIL (CONSTRUCTIONS WORKERS,) REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PSI FLOOR LEADER, PALERMO PARTY FEDERATION CHIEF AND VICE REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE PSI. COLLINS

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